

PRESS RELEASE

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■ Significant Advancement of the Private Markets Division

Altira Group is able to significantly advance and expand its investment strategy “Entrepreneur capital for German small and medium sized companies”.

Heliad Equity Partners, an exchange-listed investment trust managed by a subsidiary of Altira, has today signed an agreement for the sale of about 50% of its portfolio. The purchaser is the Jersey based, newly established acquisition vehicle Heliad Investments Limited, which is funded by the renowned private equity secondary firm Greenpark Capital Limited (“Greenpark”), London. A company of Altira Group will be the investment advisor for Heliad Investments Limited so that the assets under management within the strategy “Entrepreneur capital for German small and medium sized-companies” will increase by approx. EUR 50 m.

As a result of the sale at a valuation above acquisition costs, significant profits will be realised within Heliad, from which Altira’s subsidiary – provided the remaining portion of the portfolio has a positive development – will receive performance fees.

Andreas Lange, Chief Investment Officer of Altira Group, is very pleased with the development: “The successful trade sale shows that the Altira Group is able to form excellent management teams that invest in attractive niches such as German small and medium-sized companies and that it can create lasting value for the respective investors. This transaction is an important milestone for us and a strong base to raise the assets under management within our strategy “Entrepreneur capital for German small and medium sized companies” sharply in the medium term.”

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About Altira

The Altira Group is an owner-managed company that is simultaneously an exchange-listed asset management company. It manages money for institutional investors in the areas of private markets, public markets and real estate.

The investment approaches focus on inefficient markets. Inefficient markets are newly forming markets and regions of the future with above-average growth opportunities as well as established markets undergoing major structural changes. Due to their specialised knowledge and years-long experience, the Altira teams are able to generate a sustainable above-average risk/yield profile ("high alpha strategies") in these markets by using an active investment approach.

The implementation into defined investment products is then handled by the focused, independent Altira subsidiaries. Whereas the investment decisions are independently taken in the investment teams, all of the boutique companies have centralised access to a common, institutional infrastructure. The Altira Group is in general a founding majority shareholder of these boutique subsidiaries, or it acquires shares in existing asset management companies who want to tap into the Altira Group platform.

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